

Two Rochester Papers Closed by Printers' Pay Issue Walkout

By the Associated Press
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Publication of the city's two daily papers, both members of the Gannett chain, was suspended today because of a walkout of mechanical employees, termed a "lockout" by the union.

The work stoppage threatened to spread to six Gannett papers in five other upstate cities, where local unions have asked the International Typographical Union, AFL, to sanction a strike.

Employees of the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, a morning newspaper, failed to report for work last night after members of the Typographical Union, Local 15, voted to reject management proposals for settlement of wage negotiations.

Union officials reported the composing room employees voted 179 to 4 in favor of a strike, but explained they considered the work stoppage a "lockout" because union members had found management proposals "unfavorable." The union alleged a management proposal that the union members waive future sharing in company profits was "discrimination," and declared no other group had been asked to waive this payment.

The management described union wage demands as "exorbitant and out of line with pay in cities of comparable size."

The company had offered the Rochester union members alternate wage proposals. One would have given the composing room employees \$70 weekly for day work and \$75 for night work with a 37½-hour week. The second proposal offered the union \$74 for day and \$79 for night work with the provision that members would waive future sharing in company profits.

At present the Typographical employees receive \$58 weekly for day work and \$63 on the night shift.

The union asked \$80 for day work and \$88 for nights in its final proposal submitted this week. Originally the mechanical employees sought a minimum of \$100 weekly.

Civil Service Board Named For D. C. Military District

The Military District of Washington will have its own Civil Service Board, Orlando L. Kiser, director of civilian personnel, announced today.

The board will be comprised of F. Ward Kennedy, Glenn D. Starlin, S. Carlisle Botts, William E. Ferrell, Henry C. Williams and two members yet to be announced.

The board will be commissioned next Friday in a ceremony in the Pentagon Building after which it will hold its first civil service examinations by starting the processing of 1,000 applications already on hand.

Wake Hero's Medal Is Given To Capt. Elrod, His Widow



The Congressional Medal of Honor, granted posthumously to Marine Maj. Henry T. Elrod, is presented to his widow, Capt. Elizabeth J. Elrod, by Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant.

The young woman stood at attention, her eyes unwavering, for she too is a Marine.

But Capt. Elizabeth J. Elrod, Marine Corps Women's Reserve, must have felt a lot that her soldierly figure ignored. She stood before her commandant, Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, and received the Nation's highest decoration for her late husband, Maj. Henry T. Elrod. He died in the epic defense of Wake Island early in the Pacific war.

The Congressional Medal of Honor was bestowed at a ceremony yesterday afternoon in the Marine Corps commandant's office in the Arlington Navy building.

Several officers who are present members of Maj. Elrod's famed fighter squadron, Marine 211, stood behind Capt. Elrod as the general read the citation, his voice a little gruff, perhaps to hide what he also felt.

Destroyed Jap Cruiser
Maj. Elrod's deeds at Wake Island stood out even in a fight where every man was a hero—a hopeless battle that will be retold as long as American valor is remembered.

Maj. Elrod was one of 12 Marine pilots who flew their planes to the besieged island. On December 9, 1941, only two days after Pearl Harbor, he flew into 22 enemy planes, shooting down two. He attacked the Japanese warships lying off the island, destroying a heavy cruiser.

Thus he became the first pilot to sink a major warship with small caliber bombs from a fighter plane. When his plane finally was disabled by enemy fire, he made a landing and took command of ground troops. He organized a defensive line on the beach against the Japa-

Policeman Faces Loss Of Arm, Driver Hurt Badly in Accidents

One man was in critical condition today, and another, a Montgomery County policeman, faces the possible loss of an arm as the result of two traffic accidents yesterday.

Daniel W. Kulp, 26, of Charlotte Hall, received critical injuries after the automobile he was operating crashed into a bus near Clinton, Md., on route 5. Prince Georges County police said no one was injured on the bus, which they reported was bound for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Mr. Kulp was taken to Casualty Hospital by the District Heights Rescue Squad.

Duvall Car Hits Pole.
John Duvall, 35, a private with the Silver Spring station, was off duty when he was involved in an accident in his own car at the time.

Three District streetcar passengers were injured slightly and downtown traffic was blocked last night when two streetcars collided at Four-

teenth street and New York avenue N.W.

Streetcar Splits Switch.
Police said the accident occurred when an eastbound car driven by Thomas J. Whalen, 31, of 4055 Grant street N.E., split a switch at the intersection.

The rear of the car was derailed into the path of a westbound car, which police said was operated by R. I. Jones, 39, of 4309 North Fourth street, Arlington, Va.

Two passengers on the westbound car, Thelma E. Deemer, 24, of 1021 E street N.E., and Robert L. Cureton, 28, colored, of 1430 Y street N.W., received minor injuries, as did Marie Ellis, colored, of 738 Fairmont street N.W., who was riding on the eastbound car. All refused hospitalization, according to police.

Damage to the two street cars was estimated between \$150 and \$250.

Child Struck by Auto.
Janice Tilghman, 3, colored, of 28 Forty-sixth place N.E., was struck by a car near her home yesterday afternoon. Police listed the driver as Millard F. Newman, 65, colored, of the 100 block Heckman street S.E. The child was taken to Casualty Hospital.

The driver of a tractor trailer combination loaded with 39,000 gallons of kerosene had a narrow escape as Route 211, a mile from Fairfax Courthouse early today when the undercarriage of the trailer gave way, swerving the trailer into a bridge abutment.

Fairfax County police said that neither the tractor nor the trailer turned over and that the driver, Lee Kinser, 30, of Baltimore, was able to bring the machine to a halt before either the bridge or the tractor was demolished. The combination was

owned by the Southern States Cooperative, Inc.
Meanwhile, Lesley Terrell, 4, of 411 North Fillmore street, Arlington, was reported to be in good condition at the Arlington Hospital. Police said he ran into the side of an automobile.

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"Those of us who read of Wake Island," Gen. Vandegrift began, "also heard everywhere of the heroic deeds of this young officer we are to honor."

Then he read the citation signed by President Truman. He handed the widow the medal and the citation and shook her hand silently.

Maj. Elrod was from Thomasville, Ga. He attended the University of Georgia and Yale and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1928. In 1935, he was commissioned a Marine pilot at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Elrod is a niece of Admiral R. H. Jackson, U. S. N., retired. She commands Company E, of Headquarters Battalion, Women's Re-

serve. She lives at 1017 South Oak Crest road, Arlington, Va.

Capt. Norford Honored.
In another ceremony, Gen. Vandegrift also presented the Bronze Star Medal to Mrs. Betty B. Norford of 3605 Twenty-second street N.E., whose husband, Marine Capt. Archie B. Norford, was granted the award posthumously. He was killed in action on Okinawa, April 14, 1945.

She also received a permanent citation for a second Bronze Star Medal, previously awarded to Capt. Norford for heroic action on Guam in 1944. She is the daughter of Marine Col. M. J. Batchelder, chief of the detail branch at Marine Corps headquarters.

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